

Biography of H. David Nahai

H. David Nahai is the President of Nahai Law Corporation, a Century City law firm, specializing in real estate, corporate, environmental and commercial law. Mr. Nahai is an AV rated attorney and has practiced law in Los Angeles since 1979.

Mr. Nahai is a senior member and Chair of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. He was first appointed to the Board in 1997 by Governor Pete Wilson. Mr. Nahai was re-appointed in 2000 by Governor Gray Davis and in 2004 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Mr. Nahai has served an unprecedented four terms as Board Chair, notably in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2006. The Board is a component of the California Environmental Protection Agency, sets regional water quality standards and enforces both federal and state clean water statutes. The Board's geographic jurisdiction covers all of Los Angeles County and Ventura County and includes more than 11 million residents.

During Mr. Nahai's tenure as Chair, the Board was awarded the Environmental Leadership Award by Keep California Beautiful, in recognition of the Board's work to reduce stormwater and urban run-off pollution. In both 2004 and 2005, the Board was given an "A" grade by the UCLA Institute of the Environment, in praise of the Board's leadership in protecting water quality.

Mr. Nahai was appointed to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council in September 2005. Following his confirmation, Mr. Nahai was elected by his peers to serve as Vice President. Mr. Nahai currently serves as President of the Board, which oversees the provision of water and electricity to the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Nahai also serves as Vice Chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, a state entity dedicated to restoring and protecting Santa Monica Bay.

Mr. Nahai is a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee for Assemblymember Paul Koretz and has served on the Environmental Task Force for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mr. Nahai is a member of the California League of Conservation Voters, sits on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee and is Chair of its Development Committee. Mr. Nahai has been elected to the Boards of numerous philanthropic organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, the Iranian American Jewish Federation, the Jewish Community Foundation, and the Magbit Foundation. Additionally, Mr. Nahai is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for Security Pacific Bank.

Mr. Nahai has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, including the 2003 Environmental Champion Award given by the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters. Mr. Nahai has been the subject of numerous articles in various publications, including the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Business Journal, and is often quoted in the media as a real estate and environmental expert. He is a highly regarded and sought after speaker on these subjects.

Mr. Nahai holds graduate and post-graduate degrees in law from the London School of Economics and the University of California, Berkeley. He has been designated a Visiting Scholar at U.C. Berkeley.